

DETAINEE SUSPECTED OF PLOT TO DESTROY GAS, WATER SUPPLIES

Majid Khan, one of the suspected terrorists detained in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is suspected of helping with the research and plans for attacks against gas stations and water reservoirs throughout the United States.

Khan is believed to have been introduced by relatives, who are al Qaeda members, to 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, according to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Mohammad found Khan's excellent English and knowledge of the United States very valuable.

The Pakistani national moved to the United States with his family in 1996 and lived in Baltimore, Md., before graduating from high school in 1999. During that time, Khan worked at his family's gas station as an attendant.

This experience made Khan highly qualified to assist Mohammad with the research and planning to blow up gas stations. Khan is also suspected of working with Mohammad on plans to poison water reservoirs throughout the United States, and plans to assassinate Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf.



*Detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Photo: U.S. Department of Defense*

(Source: Office of the Director of National Intelligence)

SNIPERS EMBOLDENED BY AIRING OF FOOTAGE



Sniper "Juba" gives online interview on importance of snipers

The "Sniper of Baghdad," known also as "Juba," celebrated the end of the holy month of Ramadan by distributing a video compilation of what he claimed were many of his kills of American soldiers, according to Pentagon policy reports.

The sniper videos are a key terrorist strategy because they believe the stories aired about sniper shootings, and footage of sniper shootings, generate fear and demoralizes the American people. After snipers create videos and add in narrative touting their skills, they distribute them as widely as possible via Web sites and media outlets.

This most recent video discuss the insurgents' training process, and skill levels in shooting and hiding among the local residents. It also includes a staged interview with a militant Islamic leader who discusses the use and significance of snipers as an insurgent tactic.

(Source: Pentagon policy reports)

"The idea of filming the operations is very important, because the scene that shows the falling soldier when he is hit has more impact on the enemy than any other weapon, especially after we saw the great concern of the enemy and the western media."

— Commander of the Sniper Brigade in Baghdad